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The Honorable Dave Camp, Chairman
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
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Sent via online form
RE: Opposition to HR 4983

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

Milliken & Company is a highly diversified manufacturer of apparel and industrial fabric, floorcoverings and chemicals -- headquartered in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

I write to oppose HR 4983 (women's sports bras of stretch fabric with textile or polymer-based electrodes knit into or attached to the fabric and that incorporate connectors designed to secure an electronic transmitter that transmits physiological information from the electrodes to compatible monitor) sponsored by Congressman Bluemenauer of Oregon, because it would grant duty relief to knit apparel garments from Asia, displacing CAFTA made garments, which use U.S. components.

Milliken's Performance Knit business supplies cotton and man-made knit fabric with elastomeric yarns to apparel manufacturers in the U.S. and in the CAFTA region. Our Performance Knit division employs one hundred associates in our North Carolina operations.

Products under HR 4983, described above, compete directly with our products and thus we urge you to reject this provision from the final Miscellaneous Tariff Bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HR 4983.

Sincerely,



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Manager, Government Relations

